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Dear Sir:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits this statement. This submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and § 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider each of the references cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08 and, after such consideration, initial the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 in the space provided next to each reference. Please return a copy of the initialed Form PTO/SB/08 with the next communication transmitted to the Applicant. Any markings, underlines, notations or the like present in any reference are not to be construed as drawing the Examiner's attention to such marking or away from other portions of the reference.



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Respectfully submitted,

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